

## RETIREMENT OF CHIEF DOMBECK

• Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and thank Forest Service Chief Michael Dombeck. He served as Chief for four years, beginning in 1997 until his retirement from Federal service last week.

During his tenure, Chief Dombeck was a good friend to New Mexico. His assistance was critical in crafting the Community Forest Restoration Act. Enacted into law last year, this program provides grants to New Mexico communities to team up with the Forest Service to reduce hazardous fuels in and near national forests. I believe this program will set a good precedent for communities and Federal land management agencies to work in a collaborative manner to take care of our forests.

Chief Dombeck also quadrupled the budget for the Youth Conservation Corps, "YCC". YCC programs provide extraordinary benefits to both our youth and our natural resources. Through YCC, desperately needed restoration work is completed on our public lands. At the same time, young people, particularly those living in rural communities in New Mexico and throughout the West, engage in meaningful summer employment and gain new skills. This program also promotes collaboration between communities and Federal land managers.

Thanks in large part to his efforts and support, YCC is now one of the programs eligible for funding set aside by Title VIII of last year's Interior Appropriations Act, referred to as the "Land Conservation, Preservation and Infrastructure Improvement" account.

Last year, Chief Dombeck provided invaluable expertise as Senator DOMENICI and I worked to provide relief to communities at high risk from wildfire that are located in the vicinity of Federal lands. Specifically, he assisted us in targeting additional hazardous fuel reduction funds near these communities to reduce the threat of fire. In addition, he supported our plans to create employment opportunities in these communities. To accomplish this objective, we provided new authority for the land management agencies to give a preference to local people and YCC work crews when awarding contracts and agreements to complete the projects and conduct monitoring.

I commend Chief Dombeck for his efforts to both sustain community well-being and enhance the ecological integrity of the national forest system. I wish him well as he embarks on a new chapter in his life.●

#### RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF DR. THOMAS E. STARZL

• Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, it is my privilege to rise today to recognize the accomplishments of a living legend. Transplant pioneer Thomas E. Starzl performed the world's first liver transplant in 1963 and the first success-

ful series of kidney transplants between 1963 and 1964, and he has for four decades continued to make equally extraordinary advancements in the field of organ transplantation.

This coming April 27, Dr. Starzl's former students and colleagues, representing the span of those 40 years, will pay tribute to Dr. Starzl as he enters emeritus status at the University of Pittsburgh. It will be a celebration much to Dr. Starzl's liking—an academic gathering in order to share important scientific information.

Dr. Starzl is a pioneer. His work has had lasting influence and utility in the field of transplantation and on other fields of medicine as well. His legacy has and will continue to make an impact on us all.

In 1980 he developed a combination of drugs that transformed transplantation of the liver and heart from an experimental procedure to a standard treatment for patients with end-stage organ failure. In 1989, his development of another drug markedly improved survival rates for all kinds of transplants and made possible for the first time successful transplantation of the small intestine.

When Pittsburgh welcomed him 20 years ago, we had no idea the incredible contributions this man would make to medicine and mankind. Indeed, the city has enjoyed an enhanced reputation because he chose to make the University of Pittsburgh his academic home. This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first liver transplant he performed in Pittsburgh. Since then, surgeons at the University of Pittsburgh and the UPMC Health System have performed nearly 6,000 liver transplants and more than 11,300 transplants of all organs. These numbers set the world standard, by far.

But Dr. Starzl's work goes far beyond Pittsburgh—he is truly a national treasure. He is one of history's greatest surgeons, someone who made saving a life routine. Even patients who have not been under his direct care have benefitted from his work. In fact, most of the world's transplant surgeons and physicians have been trained by Dr. Starzl or by those trained by him. By this standard alone his impact is immeasurable and permanent. He has forever changed and improved health care delivery as we know it.

Dr. Starzl, please know that every American is indebted to you for your hard work, your refusal to take no for an answer, and most of all, for your genius and skill as a surgeon and a researcher. The world is a better place because you chose to make Pittsburgh your home.●

#### HONORING BILL RADIGAN

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I am saddened to report the passing of one of South Dakota's most exceptional public leaders, and a life-long friend in my home town of Vermillion, SD. Bill

Radigan led a full life, committed to his family, his nation and his community.

Bill answered America's call to the military during World War II as a member of the Army Air Corps. He served the Vermillion region during his 35 years with the U.S. Postal Service, while simultaneously coordinating Vermillion's school bus system. He served as secretary of the South Dakota teener baseball program for over 30 years and provided needed leadership through the American Legion and VFW. Bill was secretary-treasurer of the Vermillion Volunteer Fire Department for 55 years, and served as city councilman and mayor of Vermillion, where he oversaw the development of progressive new projects in our home town.

I had the privilege of working with Bill on issues ranging from veterans' benefits to the Vermillion-Newcastle Bridge, which will span the Missouri River by the end of this summer. But for all of Bill Radigan's commitment to public service, nothing was more important in his life than his family. He and his wife Susie made a dynamic pair in our community, and their 11 children and many grandchildren were of utmost importance to them. Bill's national, State, and community leadership achievements were extraordinary, but the strong family values he and Susie lived out every day of their marriage serves as well as an inspiration for all.

I had the privilege of attending Bill's funeral this past week, and the outpouring of love and respect from the entire community was extraordinary. Our Nation and South Dakota are far better places because of Bill's life, and while we miss him very much, the best way to honor his life is to emulate his commitment to public service and family.●

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARY SAMSON LEFEVRE

• Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, today is a special day in our office. We are joining our science fellow, Russ Lefevre, in celebrating the 99th birthday of his mother, Mary Samson Lefevre. She was born on April 4, 1902 and lived on a farm in North Dakota for her early years. Her parents were second generation French-Canadian immigrants, and she was one of eight children. She went to grade school at a Catholic elementary school in a small farming community but dropped out of school after the 8th grade to help on her parents' farm.

She married Ernest Lefevre in 1934. They lived in a small town in North Dakota. She worked most of her life in a bakery, retiring at age 74. Mrs. Lefevre lives in a care center in Maplewood, MN near her daughter. She is in good health and good spirits, as she participates in the many activities in the center. She continues her interest in national affairs.

While she had to leave school early, as often happened at that time, Mrs. Lefevre places great value on education. One of her sources of pride is that all three of her children are college graduates. This is largely due to her strong encouragement. Russ has a Ph. D. in Electrical Engineering. Shirley has a B.S. in Education and teaches in the White Bear Lake, MN Elementary Schools. Robert has a Bachelors degree in Mathematics and worked in the Software industry for over 35 years.

A 99th birthday is a special occasion for her, as well as her family and friends. Over the course of her long life, Mrs. Lefevre has seen an amazing transition in our country and our culture. Such experience brings a wisdom and knowledge that enriches the lives of her loved ones.

Such a celebration is also a chance for each of us to take a moment to appreciate our own family and our own family traditions.●

#### IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN JOHNSON

● Mr. TORRICELLI. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments and commitment of one of New Jersey's great leaders, John "J.J." Johnson. He has dedicated his life to protecting and promoting the rights of his fellow union members and has worked to help many others build on the promise of the American Dream.

J.J. first became active in the labor movement in 1960, when he organized the workers at the Peter Pan factory in East Newark, New Jersey. Since then, J.J. has worn many hats in his long and distinguished career of public service. For ten years, J.J. served as Secretary-Treasurer of Postal Union, Local #10. In 1975, J.J. co-founded Service Employees International Union Local 617, where he served for 25 years as Executive Vice President. Since then, Local 617 has become New Jersey's largest Public Employee Local, representing over 3,500 members.

Throughout the years, J.J. has been on the front line of progress for union members in New Jersey. In 1996, J.J. became the first African American from New Jersey to be elected to the Executive Board of the Service Employees International Union. As a member of the board, J.J. fought for fair wages, better health benefits, and safer working conditions, and was later elected president of the SEIU New Jersey State Council, which represents over 25,000 workers in the State of New Jersey.

In 1998, J.J. had the honor of being the first African American to serve as Grand Marshall of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council "Celebration of Labor Day Parade," and received the National Leadership Achievement Award from the SEIU Caucus of People of African Descent. In 2000, J.J. also became the first African American to receive the New Jersey AFL-CIO Labor Award, and later this month he will be

honored by the National African American Caucus of the SEIU for his outstanding leadership in the Union.

I am proud to recognize the accomplishments of J.J. Johnson, a man who for thirty years has been a standard bearer of the labor movement. His hard work, determination, and service are a model for our labor leaders, indeed all leaders, to follow and learn from.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 768. An act to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws.

H.R. 974. An act to repeal the prohibition on the payment of interest on demand deposits, to increase the number of interaccount transfer which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the prevention of shaken baby syndrome.

H. Con. Res. 93. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

At 4:05 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 132. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 620 Jacaranda Street in Lanai City, Hawaii, as the "Goro Hokama Post Office Building."

H.R. 395. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2305 Minton Road in West Melbourne, Florida, as the "Ronald W. Reagan Post Office of West Melbourne, Florida."

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 768. An act to amend the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to make permanent the favorable treatment of need-based educational aid under the antitrust laws; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 974. An act to increase the number of interaccount transfers which may be made from business accounts at depository institutions, to authorize the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System to pay interest on reserves, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 59. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the establishment of National Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:

Special Report entitled "Special Report entitled 'Legislative Activities of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions during the 106th Congress'." (Rept. No. 107-11).

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title and with an amended preamble:

S. Con. Res. 7: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should establish an international education policy to enhance national security and significantly further United States foreign policy and global competitiveness.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 686. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against tax for energy efficient appliances; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. CORZINE):

S. 687. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make higher education more affordable by providing a tax deduction for higher education expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 688. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, relating to the airport noise and access review program; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. CLINTON):

S. 689. A bill to convey certain Federal properties on Governors Island, New York; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 690. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and improve